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The Microsoft Marketing Machine is still up to their old tricks with their new products even after being told to cease and desist. I am actively involved with a deployment of their newest operating system, Windows XP, and it's still the same old issues. MSN Messenger is installed by default and the uninstall is hidden. Obscure file edits are necessary to complete the uninstall. MSN is still the default in Internet Explorer 6, all search functions point to MSN. MSN Explorer is installed by default to the desktop. The OS reports back to Microsoft by default. Many hours were spent uninstalling this unneeded software. The OS should be the OS, not a device to market other products. I think if Microsoft stayed with this philosophy they would have a far superior product, now it is just a mediocre marketing platform.

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